

UST State Lead and Municipal Tank Closure Programs

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What is the County and Municipal Tank Closure Program?

The County and Municipal Tank Closure Program (CMTCP) was designed to encourage rural property owners to report abandoned Underground Storage Tanks (UST) that are on their property. Many of Arizona's rural communities are plagued with private properties that contain abandoned USTs.

The CMTCP was established by statute in August 2001 with an initial funding of approximately \$2.4 million. The program completes UST closure at no cost to the property owner or the community. Funding is also available to reimburse counties, cities or towns for application costs.

What types of sites are eligible?

- Site must be in unincorporated areas of the counties, or
- Site must be in incorporated communities of fewer than 15,000 people
- UST must be abandoned or "orphaned"
- A county, city or town must apply

What is the State Lead Program?

The State Lead Program conducts corrective actions that the agency determines are necessary to protect human health and the environment at sites where the owner is either unknown (orphaned sites), unwilling, or technically or financially unable to perform the necessary work. Sites in this program are prioritized for work according to the risk to human health and the environment.

How does the program work?

State Lead Program staff provides technical and managerial oversight to state approved contractors on contracts won through the bid process.

Management of sites under this program facilitates timely characterization and remediation activities, thereby allowing for the redevelopment of these properties.



Are property owners liable for cleanup costs?

ADEQ will pay 100% of the cleanup costs for sites where the property owner did not own or operate the USTs at the time of the release.

Typically, parties that owned or operated the UST at the time a release occurred are responsible for 10% of the total cleanup cost, up to a maximum of \$1,000,000 depending on the time of release. Any cleanup cost in excess of the maximum coverage is the responsibility of the party who owned or operated the tank when the release occurred.

